

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-21
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS**

(Issued December 18, 2002)

On December 6, 2002, the Resale Power Group of Iowa (RPGI) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in the pending reorganization proceeding involving Interstate Power and Light Company's (IPL) application, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.77, for authority to transfer ownership of IPL's transmission facilities to TRANSLink Transmission Company (Translink). On December 12, 2002, TRANSLink Development Company, LLC (Translink Development), filed a petition to intervene in the proceeding. No objections to the petitions to intervene were filed.

Each petition alleges an interest in the proceeding. The RPGI is an association of 31 public and private electric utilities. Under agreements with its members, the RPGI acts as agent for its members in connection with the acquisition and sale of electric energy, transmission, ancillary, and related services. Many of RPGI's members receive electric transmission services from IPL through the RPGI, and the RPGI states that the delineation of existing IPL transmission assets to be

transferred to Translink will have a direct and substantial impact on transmission costs.

Translink will operate or own transmission facilities in Iowa when it achieves commercial operation. Even though Translink will not provide retail electric service in Iowa, it will be subject to the Board's jurisdiction. Translink Development is a limited liability corporation created as an interim "bridge company" to perform the numerous tasks need to create Translink as a legal entity and bring Translink to commercial operations. Translink Development states it should be a party to the proceeding to describe the benefits of Translink as a wholesale development company.

The Board will grant the petitions to intervene. Each intervenor has alleged unique interests in this proceeding that are not currently represented.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The petition to intervene filed the Resale Power Group of Iowa on December 6, 2002, is granted.
2. The petition to intervene filed by TRANSLink Development Company, L.L.C., on December 12, 2002, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer  
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.